

REMARKS

Pending in the application after this amendment are claims 46 – 53, 55 – 63, 65 – 80 and 82 – 91. Claims 28 – 45 have been cancelled. Claims 1 – 27, 54, 64 and 81 were previously canceled.

New claims 82 – 91 are similar to claims 32 – 35, 40, 41, 44 and 45 which have now been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of the claims from which they previously depended.

In the action, the examiner rejected claims 28 – 31, 36 – 39 and 42 – 43 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). as unpatentable over Kirk, U.S. Patent No. 5,023,095. These claims have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

The examiner objected to claims 32 – 35, 40, 41, 44 and 45 as dependent from the rejected claims. These claims have been rewritten as new claims 82 – 91 and should be allowed.

Finally, the examiner indicated that claims 46 – 53, 55 – 63 and 65 – 80 have been allowed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance.

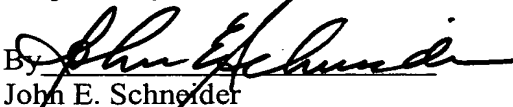
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the pending claims are free of the art and are in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes there is no fee due with this response. However, if fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. P02917US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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